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MANCHESTER WOMAN PLEAS GUILTY IN BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Kenneth W. Kaiser, and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka announced that Michelle M. Chipman, age 24, of Manchester, New Hampshire pled guilty during a hearing before U.S. District Court Judge Paul J. Barbadoro, in connection with the robbery of the Bank of New Hampshire, 2 South Beech Street in Manchester, on May 21, 2004. During the proceeding, Chipman admitted to an indictment charging that she took cash from the bank by intimidating a bank employee.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "New Hampshire is fortunate to have a low rate of violent crime, however, when such offenses do occur, my office will investigate and prosecute any person who commits the offense or benefits from its proceeds and they will be held fully accountable for their actions."

Chipman was held pending a sentencing hearing on March 24, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Manchester Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.